

# **ELIAS J. THARP'S CRADLE TO GRAVE (C2G) PROFILE**

## **BY *Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I.* 2015**

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In harmony with the first law of genealogy or family history research, *i.e.*, documentation, I submit my famous Cradle to Grave (C2G) Profile on this subject including all known documentation presented for the serious researcher. This has been done to help the serious researcher continue in their quest for family history knowledge without a duplication of effort. All I ask of you is to acknowledge my contribution to your family history research. My gift to you...Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I.

### **1832 Birthblock of Elias J. Tharp son of Reason Rezin and Elizabeth (TUCKER) Tharp**

Elias J. Tharp was born in Washington County, Kentucky, United States on 12 January 1832.

Date from the 1840 census states he was born 1831-1835.

Date from the 1850 census states he was born

Date from the 1860 census states he was born in Kentucky.

Date from the 1870 census states he was born in Kentucky.

Date from the 1880 census states he was born in Kentucky.

Date from a newspaper death notice states he was born 1832 in Kentucky.

Date from the funeral home records states he was born

Date from the headstone states he was born Jan. 12, 1832 Kentucky, USA

Date from the obituary states he was born

### **Research Note**

Several researchers on ancestry.com have linked this Elias J. Tharp to the Basel Lee and Anna Ellen (BELLAMY) Tharp family of Madison County, Kentucky. I do not believe our Elias belongs to this family. The following are some facts.

1. They state their Elias was born 1832 in Callaway County, Missouri. As you can see from our Elias' Birthblock above, he states he was born in Kentucky as does his friends and family.
2. In the 1830 census, Basel Tharp is already in Callaway County, Missouri, and has no sons, therefore any children born after the 1830 date would have been born in Missouri.
3. In the 1840 census Basel Tharp is already in Callaway County, Missouri and he does have two boys aged 5-9.
4. None of the trees on ancestry.com show their Elias J. Tharp as getting married; in fact I found a tree that shows he died in November 1864 in Callaway County, Missouri.
5. If Basel Tharp did name a son Elias J. Tharp then he is the one who died in November 1864 in Callaway County, Missouri...not our Elias J. Tharp, whom married 4 times and died in 1882.
6. In the 1850 census of Callaway County, in Basel's family there is no listing for Elias J. Tharp, in fact I cannot find any Elias J. Tharp in that census, he should be 18 years old.
7. Our Elias was first married in 1853 so he should have been single in the 1850 census.
8. In the 1860 census our Elias is on page 49 where Basil is on page 79 near Fulton, in the 1870 census our Elias is on page 24 near Portland and Basel is on page 45 living with his son Ambrose and in the 1880 census our Elias is on page 4d and Basel is on page 12d does not live anywhere near our Elias and family.
9. **1844 Reason Tharp Probate Record orlymes1 originally shared this ancestry.com**  
Our Elias' father; Reason Tharp died on July 30, 1844. Callaway County, Missouri, probate records dated in August 1844 show Reason Tharp (1) deceased with John Gibson as Administrator and Sec. N. E. Branham and Thomas Boyd, Jr.

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The heirs are listed as Elias, James, Orinta, and Elizabeth (the widow). There appears to be no real estate listed and the personal property is valued at \$165.15. 1. Callaway County, Missouri, Probate Records, #375, Reason Tharp, recorded 19 August 1844. (TRUMBOLD FAMILIES: <http://trumboldfamilies.com/tharp/reasontharp.html>) orlymes1 originally shared this ancestry.com

With the birth locations in different states and being named in his father's probate record and not having any association with the Basel Tharp family, it appears there may have been two different Elias J. Tharp's born in the same year one dying in 1864 the other died in 1882.

### **1832 Death of brother; William Tharp**

William Tharp died in Washington County, Kentucky, United States on 29 September 1832.

### **1834 Marion County, Kentucky created**

Marion County, Kentucky was established on January 25, 1834 from Washington County. Currently the county was named in honor of Francis Marion (1732-1795), Revolutionary War general. - See more at: <http://www.genealogyinc.com/kentucky/marion-county/#sthash.CNUbsuYr.dpuf>

### **1834 Childbirth of brother; James M. Tharp**

James M. Tharp was born in Marion County, Kentucky, United States on 17 May 1834.

### **Research Note**

James M. Tharp's death certificate states he was born in Marion County, Kentucky. Since James was born two years after Elias then this puts Elias' birth in Washington County, Kentucky before Marion County was created in 1834.

### **1838 Childbirth of sister; Orynthia (THARP)**

Orynthia (THARP) was born in Marion County, Kentucky, United States on 28 December 1838.

### **1840 Federal Census age 8**

Marion County, Kentucky, United States, page 57

Name: Reason Tharp

free white males 5-9 [James M. age 6]; 5-9 [Elias J. age 8]; 30-39 [Reason age 34]

free white females 4 & under [Orynthia age 2]; 30-39 [Elizabeth age 32]

### **Research Note**

Continuing with the same process we did for the 1830 census we will now look at the 1840 census. Other Tharps living in the 1840 census of Washington County, Kentucky, United States

Austin Tharp age 20-29 page 73

Lucy Tharp age 40-49 page 67

It now appears a majority of Tharps who were in the 1830 Washington County census, are now located in Marion County, Kentucky which was created from Washington County in 1834. They did not move but the "new" county was created around them by the 1840 census.

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Callen Tharp age 20-29 page 37

Lanan Tharp age 40-49 page 37

**Perry Tharp age 80-89 page 37**

**William Tharp age 50-59 page 35 [son of Perry Tharp] [Should be listed as 40-49] XXX**

James Tharp age 30-39 page 35

Allen Tharp age 20-29 page 35

Darius Tharp age 20-29 page 35

Jeremiah Tharp age 30-39 page 17

Reason Tharp age 30-39 page 57 Now living next door to father-in-law; Matthew Tucker age 50-59

It appears Reason now age 34 moved near his father-in-law; Matthew Tucker by the 1840 census or vice versa. Since he has left the "nest" of Tharp families, then it still appears Perry Tharp could be his father.

However, William Tharp who was age 30-39 in the 1830 census is now listed as 50-59 in the 1840 census, which is in error because subsequent census records show his birth circa 1790. William Tharp was born circa 1790-1795 in Kentucky married Sarah "Sallie" (**ROLLINS**) (1783-1863) on 22 November 1809 in Washington County, Kentucky and is the son of Periah "Perry" and Margaret (**SHUCK**) Tharp. Since William and Sarah were married after Reason Tharp's birth in 1806, then this eliminates them as his parents.

### **1840-1844 Family Move**

From Marion County, Kentucky, United States to Callaway County, Missouri, United States

### **Research Note**

It would be unreasonable to believe Reason Tharp and family moved to such an obscure location as Callaway County, Missouri without family assistance. Checking Marion County, Kentucky deed records should reveal when he sold his property and checking Callaway County, Missouri deed records should reveal when he purchased property. This would give you an approximate departure date from Marion County and an approximate arrival date in Callaway County, Missouri.

When looking at the Callaway County, Missouri deed records take notice of the "other" Tharp families who purchased property near or in the same location as Reason Tharp. You are trying to find out if Reason came to Missouri with family members and did they all settled in the same location?

The 1850 census of Callaway County, Missouri does not show anyone fitting the age group who could have been the parents of Reason Tharp.

Reason Tharp born 1806 should have parents born between 1750-1791. Which brings us back to the 1830 census showing Perry age 70-79 (1760-1769) and John Tharp age 40-49 (1781-1790) as a potential father.

Perry Tharp (1757-1845) married Margaret (**SHUCK**) (1768-1852) on 13 December 1785 in Jefferson County, Kentucky. Perry shows up in the 1810 census of Washington County, Kentucky with 3 sons less than 10 years of age.

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Perry Tharp is in the 1820 census of Washington County, Kentucky with 2 sons age 10-15, which fits Reason Tharp's age group. Reason would have been 4 years old in the 1810 census and 14 years old by the 1820 census.

### **1844 Death of father; Reason Rezin Tharp**

Reason Rezin Tharp died in Callaway County, Missouri on 30 July 1844.

### **1850 Federal Census age 18**

### **1853 Marriage of Elias J. Tharp and Elizabeth Ann (DARNE) daughter of Daniel M. and Artamesia (MAGRUDER) Darne**

[1] Missouri, Marriage Records, 1805-2002

Name: Elias Tharp Marriage Date: 31 Jul 1853 Marriage County: Callaway Spouse Name: Elizabeth A David

### **Research Note**

The above record is in error. Her name is Darne not David. This has been a great deal of confusion for many researchers on ancestry.com.

### **1854 Childbirth of son William T. Tharp**

William T. Tharp was born in Readsville, Auxvasse Township, Callaway County, Missouri, United States on 7 May 1854.

### **1856 Childbirth of daughter; Arabella (THARP)**

Arabella (THARP) was born in Readsville, Auxvasse Township, Callaway County, Missouri, United States on 1856.

### **1856 Death of spouse; Elizabeth Ann (DARNE) Tharp**

Elizabeth Ann (DARNE) Tharp died in Readsville, Auxvasse Township, Callaway County, Missouri, United States on 22 January 1856.

### **1858 Marriage of Elias J. Tharp and Elizabeth M. (METEER) daughter of John and Susanna "Susan" (BRYAN) Meteer**

[1] Missouri Marriages, 1851-1900

Name: Elias Tharp Spouse: Elizabeth McTEER Marriage Date: 11 Jan 1858 County: Callaway State: MO

[2] Missouri, Marriage Records, 1805-2002

Name: Mr Elias Tharp Marriage Date: 11 Jan 1858 Marriage County: Callaway Spouse Name: **Miss Elizabeth Meltser**

### **Research Note**

These marriage records should be Elizabeth M. (METEER).

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### **1858 Death of spouse; Elizabeth M. (METEER) Tharp**

Elizabeth M. (METEER) Tharp died in District 18, Callaway County, Missouri, United States on 13 May 1858.

### **1860 Federal Census age 28**

District 18, Callaway County, Missouri, United States, page 49, 30 June 1860, line 3, house 343, family 354

**THARP**, Elias w m 28; Wm T. w m 6; Arabella w f 4

[Elias was born in Kentucky, the rest in Missouri. Elias is a farmer.]

### **1863 U.S., Civil War Draft Registrations Records, 1863-1865**

Name: Elias J Tharp Residence: Auxvasse Township, Callaway County, Missouri Class: All Congressional District: 9th Age on 1 July 1863: 31 Estimated Birth Year: abt 1832 Race: White Marital Status: **Unmarried** (Single) Place of Birth: Kentucky

### **1869-1870 Marriage of Elias J. Tharp and Elizabeth "Eliza" B. (MAXEY) Davis Fowler daughter of William Bondurant Sr. and Luvina Emily (SIMS) Maxey**

#### **Research Note**

Since Elias is single and unmarried in the 1863 Draft Registration, then in all probability he married Elizabeth "Eliza" B. (MAXEY) Davis Fowler after the 1863 date and before the 1870 census. Elizabeth married 1<sup>st</sup> Jonathan Telford Davis on 2 May 1858 in Warren County, Missouri. He died on 13 November 1858 and then she married 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Fowler. When she married Elias circa 1869 she was referred to as the "widow" Fowler.

### **1870 Federal Census age 38**

Portland Post Office, Auxvasse Township, Callaway County, Missouri, United States, page 24, 19 August 1870, line 33, house 159, family 170

**THARP**, Elias J. w m 38; Eliza w f 33; William w m 16; Arabella w f 13; **MAXEY**, Levina w f 19

[Elias was born in Kentucky, the rest in Missouri. Elias is a farmer.]

#### **Research Note**

Levina Emily (MAXEY) is Elizabeth "Eliza" B. (MAXEY) Davis Fowler Tharp's sister.

### **1872 Death of Elizabeth B. (MAXEY) Davis Fowler Tharp**

Elizabeth B. (MAXEY) Davis Fowler Tharp died near Portland Post Office, Auxvasse Township, Callaway County, Missouri, United States on 21 February 1872. Find A Grave Memorial# 120335744

### **1872 Marriage of Elias J. Tharp and Sarah Elizabeth (HUTTS) daughter of Bleauford and Rebecca (HEPTINSTALL) Hutts**

[1] Missouri, Marriage Records, 1805-2002

Name: Mr. Elias J Tharp Marriage Date: 1 Dec 1872 Marriage County: Callaway Spouse Name: Miss Sarah Elizabeth Hutts

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### **1876 U.S., Indexed County Land Ownership Maps, 1860-1918**

Owner's Name: E J Tharp State: Missouri County: Callaway Year: 1876

[1] Regarding Property: excerpt on Tharp family history from online family website

Taken from: <http://www.trumboldfamilies.com/tharp/eliastharp.html> researched by C Trumbold by hand at Callaway County courthouse.

"The 1876 plat map of Callaway County shows that Elias owned 80 acres in Section 16 of Township 45 North, Range 7 West which is 3 miles south of Readsville and 3 miles north of Portland. Bordering this land is that of TJ (Thomas Jefferson) Jackson who was married to Elias' sister, Orynthia in 1857." mcmanustree originally shared this on ancestry.com

### **1876 Missouri, State Census Collection, 1844-1881 age 44**

Name: E J Tharp Residence (County, Locality): Callaway, Township 46 Year of Census: 1876 Elias Sharp

### **1880 Federal Census age 48**

Auxvasse Township, Callaway County, Missouri, United States, page 4d, 2 June 1880, line 36, house 31, family 31

**SHARP**, Elias head w m 45; Sarah wife w f 37; Pearl dau w f 7months born in October

[Elias was born in Kentucky as were his parents, Sarah was born in Missouri her parents in Virginia, Pearl born in Missouri her father in Kentucky her mother in Missouri. Elias is a farmer.]

### **1882 Death of Elias J. Tharp**

Elias J. Tharp died 4 miles north Readsville, Auxvasse Township, Callaway County, Missouri, United States on 16 August 1882.

[1] Missouri, Newspaper Death Index, 1822-1994

Name: Elijah J. Tharp Birth Date: abt 1828 Age at Death: Abt 55 Death Date: 16 Aug 1883 Death

Place: Callaway, Missouri, USA Newspaper: Fulton Telegraph, Callaway Weekly Gazette

### **Suicide of Elias Tharp**

\*\*Taken from [www.trumboldfamilies.com](http://www.trumboldfamilies.com) under the Tharp subheading.

Elias committed suicide on August 16, 1882, at the age of 50. No one in the family has any idea why he shot himself. He left a small child - Pearl, 2. A newspaper account (source unidentified) of which we have a copy graphically describes his last day.

[1] "**SUICIDE**" A Well Known Citizen puts a Pistol to His Head And Blows Out His Brains

On Thursday morning, August 16th, the residents in the neighborhood of Readsville were shocked to learn that in Joseph Scholl's pasture, about four miles north of Readsville, on the Williamsburg road, Elias J. Tharp, a well known farmer residing near Portland, had been found dead, sitting at the foot of a black oak tree. In his right hand, which is across his lap, was a 38-calibre Smith and Wesson pistol, tightly clutched, and from a hole in his forehead dripped blood and brains.

The facts preceding the fatal act, as we learn them, are as follows: Mr. Tharp was not known to be subject to any disease. The day before he had complained of pain in his side and thought he had caught cold and was a little feverish and he had been sleeping more than usual that day.

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He was about to come to Fulton in company with Mr. J.T. Hutts, his brother-in-law, for the purpose of making a final settlement in the estate of Bluford Hutts, deceased, of which the two were administrators. Mr. Tharp had gone with his family, wife and two little girls, to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Joe Scholl. He and Mr. Hutts were to have come to Fulton on Wednesday, but as Mr. Tharp was not feeling well, they postponed the trip to Thursday.

On Wednesday night Mrs. Scholl noticed that her father was up several times during the night, and the last time he got up (about day) she noticed that he went out to the east gate: she called to him saying that was not the way to Thos. Hutts' house. Mr. Tharp walked back to the door and asked Mrs. Scholl to hand him his satchel. He took a bundle from the satchel and returned it, saying there was a book in the satchel that he wanted. Then he started off in the direction of Thos. Hutts' house, a quarter of a mile distant. In a short time, between daylight and sun up, the family heard a shot, but paid no attention to it thinking some one was shooting at squirrels.

Mr. Hutts started for the Scholl house at an early hour. In crossing the pasture he came upon a horrible sight. There sat Mr. Tharp, with his feet crossed, at the root of a black oak tree, his left hand lying on his lap, his right clinched with a death grip on the pistol, while blood dripped from a small hole almost in the centre of his forehead. Mr. Hutts only waited long enough to ascertain that Mr. Tharp was dead, and then hurried to the Scholl house and gave the alarm. The neighbors were called in and they at once went to the scene of the tragedy. It was found that the suicide had carefully removed his coat and vest and folded them and then placed them on some brush, laying his hat on top of the clothes. Then he had taken his seat at the root of the tree, crossing his feet, and placed the 38 Smith & Wesson pistol at almost the centre of his forehead, and fired. Evidently, his death was instantaneous.

An Inquest was held by a jury impanelled by Squire McLaughlin, and a verdict in accordance with the above facts was returned. When found the body was only about a hundred yards from the house, \$3.70 was found in his pockets. No writing was left that indicated the cause of the suicide. Mr. Tharp was just fifty years old on the day he shot himself. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Henry Kay at Bethel church on Friday. The deceased was a member of the Methodist church. He was born in Kentucky, but his parents removed to this State and settled near Portland when he was a small boy. He had been married four times, and his fourth wife survives him. His second wife was a daughter of John Mateer, his third wife the widow Fowler, and the fourth was the daughter of Bluford Hutts, deceased. There are two children by his first wife and two by the last."

The text of the account in the Fulton Telegraph, Friday Morning, August 24, 1883 reads:  
"The Montgomery City Ray says: E. J. Tharp who resided 3 miles South of Readsville suicide by shooting his brains out at the residence of his Son in Law, Jo. Scholl, three miles North of Readsville Thursday morning. Deceased was 55[sic] years old, was the father of four children, two of whom are married, and the others are small. He had been married four times and wife number 4 survives him. We have heard no cause assigned for the suicide."

**He and his first wife, Elizabeth Ann Darne Tharp, are buried near the "McCall house" near Readsville, Missouri, I presume this is now called the McCall Cemetery.**

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Probate records for Elias J. Tharp in Callaway County show that he possessed the following real estate at the time of his death although there is also a note that perhaps his mother, Mrs. Moore, had an interest in the land:

SW 1/4 of NE 1/4	Section 16,	Township 46,	Range 7
SE 1/4 of NE 1/4	16	46	7
NE 1/4 of NW 1/4	17	46	7
E 1/2 of SW 1/4	8	46	7
SE 1/4 of NW 1/4	16	46	7

Personal property and notes amounted to \$541 including several hundred railroad ties. mcmanustree originally shared this on ancestry.com

### **1882 Burial of Elias J. Tharp**

McCall Cemetery, south of Readsville, Auxvasse Township, Callaway County, Missouri, United States

### **Find A Grave Memorial# 60604150 Created by: Carol Record added: Oct 25, 2010**

Elias J. Tharp Birth: Jan. 12, 1832 Kentucky, USA Death: Aug. 16, 1882 Readsville Callaway County Missouri, USA Married Elizabeth Ann Darne Children William J. 05-07-1854 Arabella (Belle) 11-27-1855 Married Elizabeth M. Mateer 02-18-1858 Married Elizabeth Fowler about 1870 Married Sarah Elizabeth Hutts 12-01-1872 Children Ethel and Pearl 10-25-1879 A lengthy newspaper account clipped from an unknown source in my possession notes that Elias J. Tharp committed suicide by gunshot wound. It also states "The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Henry Kay at Bethel church on Friday [the 17th]. The deceased was a member of the Methodist church." Family links: Spouse: Elizabeth B. Fowler Tharp (1837 - 1872) Children: Arabella Tharp Scholl (1855 - 1907) Pearl Tharp Lynes (1879 - 1964) Burial: Bethel United Methodist Church Cemetery Readsville Callaway County Missouri, USA

### **Research Note**

There appears some discrepancy concerning Elias J. Tharp's burial location. The Find A Grave Memorial# 60604150 above states he is buried in the Bethel United Methodist Church Cemetery, near Readsville, Auxvasse Township, Callaway County, Missouri, United States. This cemetery is north of Readsville on State Road "D". However, the creator of the FAG Memorial failed to include a headstone picture.

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Since the McCall Cemetery is several miles SOUTH of Readsville State Road "D", which is near where Elias J. Tharp was living, then it appears he is buried at the McCall Cemetery with first wife; Elizabeth Ann (**DARNE**) Tharp whom died on 22 January 1856.

Someone needs to verify his burial location to set the record straight.

Also, I hope someday someone will find Elias' third wife; Elizabeth B. (**MAXEY**) Davis Fowler Tharp's marriage record to \_\_\_\_\_ Fowler. I am sure checking the Callaway County Courthouse will reveal something about them and/or checking the newspapers might reveal when Mr. Fowler died sometime between 1858 and 1870.

There might even be an article concerning "widow" Fowler's marriage to Elias J. Tharp.

*Floyd Thomas Pratt F.H.C., M.A.G.I.*  
8 May 2015

# Your Author's Pedigree; Floyd Thomas "Tom" Pratt

<p><b>4 Columbus Benjamin A Pratt</b> b. 1 December 1893 p. Hamilton Hollow, Johnson Twp, W-m. 12 April 1919 p. Bourbon, Boone Twp, Crawford, Mi-d. 27 July 1947 p. Bourbon, Boone Twp, Crawford, Mi-</p>	<p><b>8 Henry Winslow "Win" Pratt</b> b. 6 September 1869 p. near Osage Post Office, Johnson -m. 29 January 1893 p. Vilander, Liberty Twp, Crawford, Mi-d. 24 March 1914 p. near Crow's Creek, Boone Twp, C-</p>	<p><b>16 Alexander "Alex" R. Pratt</b> b. March 1831 d. 1912</p>	<p><b>32 Henry Pratt</b> b. 1800-1803</p>
<p><b>2 Floyd Theodore "Ted" Pratt</b> b. 6 January 1927 p. Bourbon, Boone Twp, Crawford, Missouri, Un-m. 1 March 1947 p. Saint Clair, Central Twp, Franklin, Missouri, U-d. p.</p>	<p><b>9 Mary Laura Magdalene Missey</b> b. 20 July 1874 p. Johnson Twp, Washington, Missouri-d. 17 April 1938 p. Bourbon, Boone Twp, Crawford, Mi-</p>	<p><b>17 Mary Kimberlin</b> b. 1835 d. 1876-1880</p>	<p><b>33 Nancy Carter</b> b. 1802-1803</p>
<p><b>5 Rue Flavilla Johnson</b> b. 19 January 1894 p. Bourbon, Boone Twp, Crawford, Mi-d. 26 June 1983 p. Briarwood Manor Nursing Home, 4-</p>	<p><b>10 Judge James Millard Johnson Sr.</b> b. 29 September 1854 p. Moselle, Central Twp, Franklin, Mis-m. 14 May 1884 p. Liberty Twp, Crawford, Missouri, Un-d. 21 May 1941 p. Bourbon, Boone Twp, Crawford, Mi-</p>	<p><b>18 Francois Columbier C Missé</b> b. 5 July 1845 d. 26 April 1916</p>	<p><b>34 Rhinhardt "Rinard" E. Kimberlin</b> b. From 1801 to 1805</p>
<p><b>1 Floyd Thomas "Tom" Pratt</b> b. 3 January 1948 p. City Hospital #1, 1515 Lafayette Avenue, Sain-m. 14 August 1972 p. Tyler Place United Presbyterian Church, 210-d. p. Sp. Bonnie Kathleen Bach</p>	<p><b>11 Mary Jane Theodosia Barton</b> b. 18 January 1861 p. near Pine Mountain Post Office, M-d. 10 June 1913 p. Walnut Street, Bourbon Village, Bo-</p>	<p><b>19 Cynthia N. Talbot</b> b. 3 April 1848 d. 28 March 1896</p>	<p><b>35 Frances Jane Peters</b> b. 1804</p>
<p><b>6 Peter Conley Brown</b> b. 12 January 1893 p. Sharon, Weakley, Tennessee, Unit-m. 16 March 1924 p. Dyer, Tennessee, United States d. 3 December 1972 p. Halls, Lauderdale, Tennessee, Unit-</p>	<p><b>12 John A. Brown</b> b. May 1844 p. Tennessee, United States m. 18 November 1891 p. Weakley, Tennessee, United States d. p.</p>	<p><b>20 Martin Johnson</b> b. 22 March 1805 d. 27 September 1859</p>	<p><b>36 Jean "John" Baptiste Missé</b> b. 28 May 1821</p>
<p><b>3 Delores "Doe" Virginia Brown</b> b. 31 October 1925 p. City Hospital #1, 1515 Lafayette Avenue, Sain-d. 1 March 1981 p. Queen of Angels Hospital, 2301 Bellevue, Lo-</p>	<p><b>13 Obedience "Bedie" Lackey</b> b. February 1871 p. Tennessee, United States d. p.</p>	<p><b>21 Comfort Osborn</b> b. 10 June 1814 d. 26 April 1877</p>	<p><b>37 Marie "Mary" Françoise Piquette</b> b. 4 January 1826</p>
<p><b>7 Olga Elmiria O'Daniel</b> b. 11 March 1907 p. Island 21, Dyer, Tennessee, United-d. 7 October 1993 p. Los Angeles, Los Angeles, Californi-</p>	<p><b>14 James Leonidas "Lee" O'Daniel</b> b. 15 December 1869 p. Rutherford, Gibson, Tennessee, Un-m. 22 May 1897 p. Dyer, Tennessee, United States d. 8 March 1921 p. Baird-Dulaney Hospital, Dyersburg, -</p>	<p><b>22 William "Billy" Barton</b> b. 20 November 1831 d. 7 January 1922</p>	<p><b>38 Benjamin Talbot</b> b. 15 June 1811</p>
<p><b>15 Daisy Dean Bell</b> b. 7 September 1881 p. 19th District, Walnut Grove Twp, G-d. 14 May 1920 p. Jackson Crossing, Civil District 11, -</p>	<p><b>23 Harriet King</b> b. 23 July 1834 d. 3 February 1920</p>	<p><b>24 Brown</b> b. d.</p>	<p><b>39 Laura Farris</b> b. 12 February 1818</p>
<p><b>25 Wife</b> b. d.</p>	<p><b>26 William Lackey</b> b. 1823 d.</p>	<p><b>27 Lidia</b> b. 1840 d.</p>	<p><b>40 Benjamin Johnson</b> b. 31 March 1775</p>
<p><b>28 Stephen "Steve" C. O'Daniel</b> b. 5 December 1812 d. 1881</p>	<p><b>29 Elizabeth Ellen Gordon</b> b. 1840 d. 1872</p>	<p><b>30 John Franklin "Frank" Bell</b> b. 1 July 1850 d. 1892-1893</p>	<p><b>41 Amelia Gaston</b> b. 23 November 1769</p>
<p><b>31 Hettie M. Jackson</b> b. 16 December 1861 d. 19 April 1902</p>	<p><b>32 Henry Pratt</b> b. 1800-1803</p>	<p><b>33 Nancy Carter</b> b. 1802-1803</p>	<p><b>34 Rhinhardt "Rinard" E. Kimberlin</b> b. From 1801 to 1805</p>
<p><b>35 Frances Jane Peters</b> b. 1804</p>	<p><b>36 Jean "John" Baptiste Missé</b> b. 28 May 1821</p>	<p><b>37 Marie "Mary" Françoise Piquette</b> b. 4 January 1826</p>	<p><b>38 Benjamin Talbot</b> b. 15 June 1811</p>
<p><b>39 Laura Farris</b> b. 12 February 1818</p>	<p><b>40 Benjamin Johnson</b> b. 31 March 1775</p>	<p><b>41 Amelia Gaston</b> b. 23 November 1769</p>	<p><b>42 William Osborn</b> b. 4 July 1777</p>
<p><b>43 Rebecca Richmond</b> b. 1784</p>	<p><b>44 John Milton Barton</b> b. 1799</p>	<p><b>45 Sophia Keitle</b> b. 1807</p>	<p><b>46 Rev. Jonathan King</b> b. 20 December 1800</p>
<p><b>47 Mary Holt</b> b. 29 April 1808</p>	<p><b>48</b> b.</p>	<p><b>49</b> b.</p>	<p><b>50</b> b.</p>
<p><b>51</b> b.</p>	<p><b>52</b> b.</p>	<p><b>53</b> b.</p>	<p><b>54</b> b.</p>
<p><b>55</b> b.</p>	<p><b>56 Alexander O'Daniel Sr.</b> b. Abt 1749</p>	<p><b>57 Annie Keathley</b> b. 18 July 1782</p>	<p><b>58 John Gordon</b> b. 1813</p>
<p><b>60</b> b.</p>	<p><b>61</b> b.</p>	<p><b>62 Alexander Jackson</b> b. 1840</p>	<p><b>63 Mariah "Mary" Ledbetter</b> b. 1840</p>

## A Little Something About Your Author.....

*Floyd Thomas Pratt, F.H.C., M.A.G.I.*



At the age of 19, Tom Pratt embarked on a career in law enforcement. This experience gave him training in detective and investigative skills. Little did Mr. Pratt know, how useful these skills would be in the field of genealogy.

Tom Pratt started his family research career in 1975 after becoming a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. His first calling as a new member was to serve in the newly created genealogical department or known today as the Family History Center in the Springfield, Missouri ward. This two-year calling gave Mr. Pratt a tremendous amount of experience helping others to research their families.

In fact, he felt family research came easy and required little effort on his part. In reality, years of reading and studying increased his expertise and he made it look easy to others.

Over the course of several years, Mr. Pratt was asked by his church to instruct several family history courses. This experience established a deep profound love for family and ancestors.

It was not uncommon for Mr. Pratt to spend 4 to 8 hours a day researching and compiling family histories in addition to his duties, as an entrepreneur in the insurance business.

The first major achievement for Mr. Pratt was a breakthrough on his Pratt family back to the early 1800's. Not satisfied with just the direct line research, Mr. Pratt branched out to research all connected lines and allied families.

This dedication led to 42,000 individuals and achieved expert status for Mr. Pratt on the families of middle and eastern Missouri, eastern and western Tennessee and central North Carolina.

Concerning Mr. Pratt's style of research, he is a strong supporter of the "hands on" approach. When he took family vacations, they usually went to libraries, cemeteries, courthouses, National Archive centers, and visited family members in various states. He attended multi-state family reunions and obtained his material from the actual sources when possible.

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Being a researcher of the highest degree, in 1991, Mr. Pratt formed the Pratt Publications Company and offered to the public, a series of books titled, The Pratt Progenitor Papers. This series of volumes are a collection of legal documents, stories, pictures and historical presentations concerning the families of Missouri, Tennessee and North Carolina.

The first three Volumes were released to the public in 1991 and were issued to 18 different libraries including the Library of Congress and the St. Louis Public Library. The next 7 volumes were published with a total of 43 volumes scheduled for publication.

In 1996, Mr. Pratt formed the Genealogical Institute to further the education of serious researchers.

The Genealogical Institute offers a series of educational materials to teach and instruct the uninitiated in the procedures of family history research. These courses offer "a hands on" curriculum designed to instruct in investigative, deductive reasoning and logical procedures for tracking your family history.

Beginners and experienced researchers have found a treasure chest of knowledge when undertaking these courses. Mr. Pratt has taken the hobby of genealogy and has enhanced it into a science. Heavy on instructions concerning documentation, research procedures, alternative sources and common public records, this course is a valuable tool for the researcher. One of Mr. Pratt's favorite sections of the course is teaching researchers "how to stop" researching and compile their information for publication.

Upon completion of the educational courses from the Genealogical Institute, the graduate is awarded the **Master Accreditation of the Genealogical Institute. (M.A.G.I.)**

This designation is equivalent to a Doctorate Degree and signifies the recipient has been trained and demonstrated superior research techniques.

Mr. Pratt's ability in family history research has amazed many educated researchers. When Mr. Pratt is asked for help concerning their "brick wall" in their family research, his quick wit and logical mind rapid fires instructions and procedures so fast they cannot write the material quickly enough. Little do they realize this knowledge has been acquired over 30 years of experience and research.

In June of 2000, Mr. Pratt undertook a new and unprecedented task.

Outside of Washington, Franklin County, Missouri is an old cemetery called the Johnson-Caldwell Cemetery. This cemetery has many pioneer heroes and ancestors of various descendants from that region. Some of the inhabitants were born in the 1750's and traveled west to Missouri after the 1803 Louisiana Purchase.

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Mr. Pratt took down all the information off the headstones, including every person in the cemetery and researched each individual related or not. 1000 man-hours and two years later, he published the book "Johnson-Caldwell Cemetery of Franklin County, Missouri"© 2001.

Obtaining newspapers, legal documents, personal interviews with ancestors and researching various sources for any and all information concerning the history of the cemetery and the inhabitants produced this master text. What makes this book stand out among the rest is basic content and structure.

First, it is the only book to cover the known and reported inhabitants of an entire cemetery.

Second, this book reports on each inhabitant, their birth and activities throughout their life until their death, including their ancestors, spouses and children.

Third, even the index is unique, listing the individual and their father's name if known. This is extremely helpful when several individuals have the same given name.

Upon examination, professional researchers have hailed this body of work as a masterpiece and a standard in which all future research of cemeteries should be based. In their opinion, no one has ever produced a body of work about a cemetery as unique and professional as this publication.

Currently, Mr. Pratt is working on a series of books from the [Pratt Archive Collections](#), which is a series of biographical publications concerning a progenitor and a generation of descendants. This collection is a "cradle to grave" report, which covers the subject's ancestry, birth, marriage, children, and geographical domiciles as well as the political environment during the subject's lifetime.

In addition, Mr. Pratt is working on additional volumes of the Pratt Progenitor Papers and several books on public records.

With all these accomplishments, Mr. Pratt humbly refers to himself as a Genealogical Anthropologist...resurrecting progenitors.

We in the genealogical world are deeply grateful to be associates of a man of Mr. Pratt's caliber. Through his dedication to helping the novice as well as the professional researcher, future generations will benefit by his advances in the genealogical field.

In addition, we are thankful for the inspiration that sparks men like Mr. Pratt to magnify their love for people and history. We feel, with a lifetime dedicated to the genealogical pursuit of truth and knowledge, Mr. Pratt's accumulative body of work, will stand as a quintessential manifestation of this divine love.

Lewton Cole, Chairman  
**Genealogical Institute**